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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P-6056.70	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2005/000269	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 06 January 2005 (06.01.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 January 2004 (13.01.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International application No. PCT/US05/00269		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC(7): G01N 33/48 and US Cl.: 702/19		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the prior of
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-20</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONB</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-20</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Rao (US 6,673,532 B2).

Regarding claim 1, 2, and 5-15, Rao teaches creating a statistical design that maps at least one concentration of a substance to the locations on an array and adds the substance to a receptacle in an array with the cells of interest (column 3, lines 33-39; column 4, lines 1-7; column 8, lines 1-39; column 8, line 58-column 9, line 8) and acquires data indicative of a phenotypic change and determining an optimum concentration that results in a desired phenotypic change (column 2, line 55 - column 3, line 25). Rao also teaches using multiple plates or bioreactors as well as adding a variety of substance concentrations (column 9, lines 9-34; column 9, lines 53-61; column 10, lines 65-67).

Regarding claims 3, 4 and 16-20, Rao teaches that a variety of concentrations of multiple substances may be added to each well (column 9, lines 53-61). Rao teaches that his method identifies parameters (substance concentrations) for optimizing conditions (column 16, lines 26-30).

Claims 1-20 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Rao (US 6,673,532 B2).
See above.

Claims 1-20 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) for the purpose of identifying substances and their concentrations for optimizing cell culture conditions.